



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.3

Soil moisture supplies: 13% very short, 19% short, 63% adequate and 5% surplus

Field Crops Report

Early in the week a cold front brought in some slightly cooler, less humid weather conditions. But prevailing hot and humid conditions returned quickly along with only a few scattered thunderstorms across the state. Rainfall was well below normal, averaging only 0.5 inches precipitation statewide. In spite of the persistent drought conditions, over 50 percent of the crops were in good to excellent condition. Harvests for several crops were well ahead of the norm. The corn harvest was nearly finished, as it reached 99 percent, 5 points ahead of the five-year average. The cotton harvest was well ahead of the norm and reached 33 percent, 24 points ahead of the five-year average. With the rice harvest completed in much of the southern part of the state, the rice ratoon crop looked good as it has greened up quickly. Sorghum harvest was almost completed. Some soybeans were being sprayed with harvest aides in an effort to accelerate harvest and decrease seed damage. Sugarcane producers sprayed for borers and some producers applied pre-emergence herbicide on newly planted cane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers began laying down plastic in the fields. Greenhouse tomatoes were harvested. Cabbage and bell pepper fields were sprayed for insects. Citrus producers were still scouting for insects. Vegetable producers continued to plant fall crops.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Crawfish producers prepared ponds for their initial flooding later this month. Cattlemen continued to market calves and prepared pastures to plant ryegrass.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Harvested	99	97	96	94
Cotton	Bolls Open	97	90	80	85
	Harvested	33	18	3	9
Hay	Second cutting	98	96	91	95
Rice	Ripe	98	95	99	98
	Harvested	87	80	85	82
Sorghum	Harvested	98	93	92	89
Soybeans	Turning Color	84	76	80	81
	Dropping Leaves	71	62	60	67
	Harvested	46	34	38	41
Sugarcane	Planted	73	57	81	65
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	14	9	11	16

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	14	31	50	4
Rice	0	2	25	56	17
Soybeans	1	6	28	54	11
Sugarcane	2	6	22	45	25
Sweet Potatoes	1	2	30	66	1
Livestock	2	8	38	45	7
Vegetables	10	25	42	22	1
Pasture	6	16	38	35	5

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/06/10 TO 09/12/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	97	61	83	78	0.42	1.42	19.12	35.78
Minden	96	61	82	78	0.83	2.21	25.76	38.51
Mooringsport	97	64	83	MM	1.35	3.29	29.14	32.06
Extreme/Average	97	61	83	78	0.87	2.31	24.67	36.61
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	97	58	83	78	0.45	3.21	25.90	39.11
Homer/Hill Farm	96	(54)	80	77	0.24	1.23	27.03	38.71
ULM-Monroe	97	60	84	78	0.00	1.45	26.80	40.58
Columbia Lock	(99)	57	83	MM	0.12	0.59	19.86	42.33
Extreme/Average	99	54	82	78	0.20	1.62	24.90	39.85
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	98	60	82	78	0.77	3.83	22.48	41.60
LSU-St Joseph	94	63	82	79	0.32	4.78	28.18	40.46
LSU-Winnsboro	98	62	84	78	0.95	1.53	23.24	39.83
Tallulah	95	62	82	78	0.00	2.48	27.06	41.64
Extreme/Average	98	60	82	78	0.51	3.16	25.24	40.82
4. West-Central								
Leesville	98	69	83	78	0.58	2.37	24.01	40.07
LSU-Rosepine	97	69	83	79	0.42	2.47	30.64	41.03
Natchitoches	97	62	83	79	0.37	2.28	22.62	38.37
Ashland	96	59	82	77	0.33	2.39	20.79	38.60
Extreme/Average	98	59	83	78	0.43	2.38	22.40	39.19
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	67	83	80	0.71	3.70	33.10	42.07
Bunkie	96	68	83	79	0.84	11.23	41.34	43.24
LSU-Alexandria	98	67	83	79	0.85	5.33	31.90	40.60
Extreme/Average	98	67	83	79	0.80	6.75	35.45	42.54
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	94	67	82	MM	0.59	7.08	41.51	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	94	70	82	79	0.51	6.37	36.77	45.35
Amite	94	68	82	79	0.00	5.35	40.37	48.70
LSU-Hammond	94	68	82	79	0.00	6.81	38.37	47.79
Slidell	92	68	82	80	0.02	8.53	51.38	46.86
Extreme/Average	94	67	82	79	0.22	6.83	41.68	47.51
7. Southwest								
Jennings	96	69	83	80	0.07	7.08	38.46	42.37
LSU-Crowley	96	70	83	80	0.12	3.38	33.32	43.07
Extreme/Average	96	69	83	80	0.10	5.23	35.89	43.42
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	93	69	82	80	0.44	7.27	40.54	45.26
LSU-Jeanerette	95	74	84	79	0.26	4.79	43.87	45.85
Morgan City	92	74	83	80	0.37	11.55	33.62	48.18
Extreme/Average	95	69	83	80	0.36	7.87	39.34	46.29
9. Southeast								
Galliano	92	71	83	80	0.17	14.99	50.96	49.55
Houma	97	71	83	81	1.86	9.95	44.87	48.08
Terrytown 3S	95	74	85	MM	0.04	5.33	45.09	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	97	71	84	81	0.69	10.09	46.97	47.85
State								
Extremes/Averages	99	54	83	79	0.46	5.34	33.72	42.89

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through September 12, 2010

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